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Claims 2, 4-6 and 8-10 currently remain in the application. Claims 1, 3 and 7 are withdrawn and claims 2 and 5 are herein amended.

Claims 1, 3 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Heide in view of Suzuki, but this rejection is a moot point because applicant elects to withdraw these claims from consideration.

Claims 2, 4-6 and 8-10 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim but were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This has just be done in the present Amendment and hence it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant is taking this opportunity to submit a certified copy of a Japanese patent application as priority document.

The Examiner is requested to note that the withdrawal of claims 1, 3 and 7 is not intended to be interpreted as applicant's admission that they are not patentable but that applicant's intention is to file a divisional application on these claims at a later date with or without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,



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